THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : The main recommendation of the Committee related to introduction of additional elective subjects at the plus 2 stage and consequential arrangements for creation of required teaching posts, promotion to such posts of existing teachers in the subject if qualified etc Introduction of additional elective subjects at plus 2 level in all Kendriya Vidyalayas would require substantial additional funds, Keeping in view the present resource constraints, it is not possible to introduce the additional elective subjects.

Higher drop oat rate of girl students

2179. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Ministry of HUMA]N RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to stale:

(a) whether it is a fact that the girl students' drop out rate is higher than that of the boys during the last three years, if so what are the reasons there-for;

(b) what are the details about the drop out rate of girl students and boy students at primary level, upper primary level and secondary level and university level during each of the last three years, state-wise;

(c) what are the reasons leading to such drop outs both in respect of boy and girl students at each level in urban and rural areas State-wise during each of the last three years;

(d) what steps Government have taken in consultation with State Governments to check and minimise the drop out rates in each State; and

(e) what financial assistance the Central Government have given to each State for the purpose during each of the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELLA); (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The details of State-wise dropout of boys and girls at primary, upper primary and secondary levels are given at Annexure. *[See* Appendix XIX, Annexure No. 32] Dropout rates at university level are not collected.

Socio-economic factors are a major reason for school dropouts.

(d) The causes leading to school dropout being many, there is no one single programme which could lead to reduction in dropout rates. Some of the measures being taken by the Centre and States to improve retention are:—

— provision of incentives such as free text books, free uniforms, scholarships, mid-day meats etc.

— community mobilisation to the need for literacy.

— appointment of female teachers.

- provision of day care centres to take care of young siblings.

— expansion of facilities in schools through the scheme of Operation Blackboards.

— providing a network of centres for inservice and continuing education of school teachers by estabishments of Districts Institutes of Education and Training.

(e) Details of financial assistance given to States under the two relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Operation Blackboard and Teacher Education are given in Statement-I and Statement-
II.

Statement-I

Year-wise releases of funds for the scheme of operation blackboard.

(Rs. in lakhs

States/UT	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1. Andhra Pradesh	2095.00	3637.75	463.14
2. Arunachal Pradesh	82.16	0.00	1006.57
3. Assam	0.00	420.48	1628.4
4. Bihar	1584.02	0.00	4167.11
5. Goa	47.47	0.00	39.67
6. Gujarat	503.10	619.70	512.4
7. Haryana	0.00	292.17	0.0
8. Himachal Pradesh	297.03	456.10	264.73
9. Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	1103.06	0.00
10. Karnataka	717.54	1876.67	360.0
11. Kerala	156.12	82.90	0.00
12. Madhya Pradesh	1344.78	846.91	1688.61
13. Maharashtra	612.22	2795.46	1721.70
14. Manipur	47.88	57.30	0.00
15. Meghalaya	100.49	90.04	0.00
16. Mizoram	8.87	66.80	13.42
17. Nagaland	5.85	0.00	7.84
18. Orissa	1818.32	1147.90	2496.68
19. Punjab	219.29	541.67	0.00
20. Rajasthan	3456.83	2202.14	510.81
21. Sikkim	15.36	9.57	0.0
22. Tamil Nadu	510.24	449.96	0.0
23. Tripura	7.70	64.41	4.23
24. Uttar Pradesh	860.94	650.00	1244.5
25. West Bengal	349.46	140.02	254.0
26. A & N Islands	0.00	3.82	0.00
27. Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
28. D & N Haveli	4.14	8.17	3.66
29. Daman & Diu*	0.00	0.00	0. 0
30. Delhi	53.59	0.00	0.00
31. Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
32. Pondicherry	10.72	0.00	3.90
INDIA	15009.12	17563.00	15491.44

Statement-II

Yeas-wise Release of funds for the scheme of operation blackboard

	Name of State/UT	Amount Released (in Lakh)		
		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
1.	Andhra Pradesh	106.00	585.25	591.92
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.	Assam	35.00	98.95	319.41
4.	Bihar	0.00	298.36	675.02
5.	Goa	2.00	5.50	12.86
6.	Gujarat	0.00	94.73	554.83
7.	Haryana	52.82	78.23	398.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	118.80
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	261.07	72.59
10.	Karnataka	0.00	300.00	353.10
11.	Kerala	94.81	53.40	434.84
12.	Madhya Pradesh	386.28	226.55	964.73
13.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Manipur	1.00	110.30	12.11
15.	Meghalaya	0.00	77.60	0.00
16.	Mizoram	31.85	23.50	17.72
17.	Nagaland	28.00	0.00	10.30
18.	Orissa	33.00	140.67	482.60
19.	Punjab	108.40	0.00	272.60
20.	Rajasthan	438.15	422.96	1052.92
21.	Sikkim	0.00	36.68	0.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	105.00	519.00	487.24
23.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	20.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	363.59	930.00	1328.32
25.	West Bengal	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	A & N Island	0.00	0.00	38.90
27.	Delhi	40.05	91.80	74.25
28.	Pondicherry	0.00	30.00	0.00
	TOTAL :	1825.95	4284.75	8293.13

Note :— This does not include releases given to various ; agencies for appraisal of DIET & for strengthing of SCERTs.